

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS)	
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF MARTIN)	CASE NO. 90-402-U
GAS, INC.)	

O R D E R

On September 30, 1991 in Case No. 90-402, the Commission approved certain adjusted rates for Martin Gas, Inc. ("Martin") and provided for their further adjustment when the wholesale cost of gas changes or a refund is received.

On March 19, 1997, Martin filed for approval to pass its increased wholesale gas cost from Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") and its new supplier, Clean Gas, to its customers effective March 1, 1997.

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Martin's notice proposed revised rates designed to pass on to its customers Columbia's Intrastate Utility Service ("IUS") rate effective March 1, 1997, as well as its rate from Clean Gas effective March 1, 1997.

2. The IUS rate of \$5.3996 per Mcf was approved effective March 1, 1997.¹ Rates for Clean Gas are \$4.8996 per Mcf for 2,180 Mcf and \$4.3996 per Mcf for other volumes purchased. This increase in supplier rates results in a 68.01 cents per Mcf increase for Martin.

¹ Case No. 94-179-I, Notice of Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., Order dated February 20, 1997.

3. In Martin's next filing it should include a copy of its contract with its new supplier, Clean Gas, and explain why Southeastern has ceased to supply Martin.

4. The rate adjustment in the Appendix, attached hereto and incorporated herein, is fair, just, and reasonable, in the public interest, and should be approved effective on and after the date of this Order. Martin did not give the 30-day notice required to increase rates effective March 1, 1997.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates in the Appendix are fair, just, and reasonable and are approved effective for gas supplied on and after the date of this Order.


2. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Martin shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

3. Martin's next purchased gas adjustment filing shall include a copy of its contract with Clean Gas and explain its change in suppliers.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 29th day of April, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 90-402-U DATED APRIL 29, 1997.

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Martin Gas, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

RATES: Monthly

First 1 Mcf	\$8.9028 Per Mcf
Over 1 Mcf	8.7860 Per Mcf

Minimum Bill

The minimum bill shall be	\$8.9028
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The base rate for the future application of the purchased gas adjustment clause of Martin Gas, Inc. shall be:

Commodity

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.	\$5.3996 Per Mcf
Clean Gas #1	\$4.8996 Per Mcf
Clean Gas #2	\$4.3996 Per Mcf